

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first full paragraph at page 33, line 5 as follows:

In addition, it was unexpectedly discovered that composition D exhibits a synergistic effect in removing both human and artificial cerumen. Referring again to Table 8, the absorbency measurements for the bicarbonate component D₁ of Composition D, the proteolytic enzyme component D₂ of Composition D, and the vehicle V₂ of Composition D are also provided. As shown by Table 8 Table 4, the sum of the absorbency measurements of the bicarbonate component D₁ and the proteolytic enzyme component D₂, subtracting any contribution from vehicle V₂, is significantly less than the absorbency measurement for Composition D, subtracting any contribution from vehicle V₂, for the protein component and the lipid component of both human and artificial cerumen.